



## What is Alaska Measures of Progress?

Alaska Measures of Progress (AMP) is the new Alaska assessment for students in grades 3-10 statewide. It replaces the Standards Based Assessments (SBA) that students took in previous years. AMP is aligned to the new, rigorous standards set forward by the state and ASD. Like the SBAs, students will take the AMP test each spring to help determine their progress over the course of the year. The test has two sections or subtests, English language arts and math. Each section will take most students between 90-120 minutes, but there is not a time limit. Because there are new standards and a new assessment, AMP scores will not be comparable to SBA scores.

## How is AMP administered?

Unlike the SBAs which were paper and pencil tests, AMP is computer-based. ASD is working with the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development to prepare our schools and students for the implementation of the new test. Students will have unlimited access to practice tests focused on technology use beginning in late September. This will allow students to gain familiarity with the new test format and question types. Additionally, ASD students in grades 2-4 will receive instruction in keyboarding and computer usage. It's important to note that the state's science test for grades 4, 8 and 10 is not computer-based and will remain a paper and pencil test.

## When do students take AMP?

Since students will be using technology to complete AMP, the spring testing schedule is different than in prior years. Each grade has a designated testing window as outlined below. School principals and the district's Assessment & Evaluation Department will work together to create a daily schedule that best meets the needs of their school while meeting the requirements set by the state. The chart below shows the designated testing windows by grade. Parents and the community are encouraged to review the testing schedule in an effort to reduce conflicts that may arise in their planning.

<b>AMP State Testing Window</b>	
<i>Grades</i>	<i>Designated Testing Weeks</i>
3 and 7	March 30 – April 10
4 and 8	April 6 – April 17
5 and 9	April 13 – April 24
6 and 10	April 20 – May 1

## What's next?

The district will provide more information as it becomes available from the state. Stay up to date at [www.asdk12.org/assessments](http://www.asdk12.org/assessments). For school-specific information, please contact your child's school.